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 A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
 IPC 7 607D7/12

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1,2 and 3-9 when dependent on 2.

Protective foil for test apparatus.

2. Claims: 1,3 and 4-9 when dependent on 3.

Gripping means for objects to be tested.

3. Claims: 1,4,

15 and 5-9 which relate to matter in claim 4 juxtaposed next to matter relating to the subject-matter of independent claim 15.

Means and method for homogenising illumination of objects to be tested.

4. Claims: 1,4-14,

whereby claim 4 includes juxtaposed matter relating to the subject-matter of claim 15 but not included in independent claim 10.

Means for protecting light receiving elements from exceeding saturation.

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PCT/IT 02/00594**Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)**

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

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